



#### HISTORY OF THE F. E. C. CLUB.

We read of the many club meetings in this city but do we ever stop to consider the work they do or the history of these clubs. The fifth of our club histories is the F. E. C. Club which is not an old club by any means but a very interesting one. In 1915 twelve ladies met together to organize a social club to meet the last Friday afternoon of each month. This club was to be known as the "Friday Afternoon Embroidery Club," and true to their name, they are today. The Charter members were: Mrs. D. S. Burroughs, Mrs. E. L. Cass, Mrs. Wallace Dearing, Mrs. Chas. Harrison, Mrs. J. H. Minor, Mrs. Chas. Lewis, Mrs. R. E. Race, Mrs. C. C. Heizer, Mrs. J. C. Mundy, Mrs. Chas. Carpenter, Mrs. Joseph Harvey, Mrs. McAllister. The hostess is allowed to invite any guests she may wish to and it is left to her the refreshments served, and as all the members are excellent house keepers and shining lights in the cooking line, it is always a pleasure to be an invited guest to this club. Each member brings her embroidery or any needle work she may have to do and her hands are never idle as the conversation runs to topics of interest. Only one member of the club has died since the organization and very few have moved away, but being out of town they are still counted as honorary members. Among the ones who have moved away are: Mrs. J. H. Minor of Malta Bend, Mo. Mrs. R. E. Race, Mrs. Chas. Carpenter of St. Louis, Mrs. Joseph Harvey of Colorado Springs, Colo. Mrs. McAllister of Chicago. The present members are: Mrs. D. S. Burroughs, Mrs. W. J. Botts, Mrs. W. W. Botts, Mrs. P. E. Coil, Mrs. E. L. Cass, Mrs. Charles Clark, Mrs. George Clark, Mrs. F. L. Crosby, Mrs. Wallace Dearing, Mrs. Chas. Harrison, Mrs. C. C. Heizer, Mrs. E. R. Locke, Mrs. J. C. Mundy, Mrs. S. D. Stocks, Mrs. A. A. Wallace and Mrs. R. D. Worrell. Last Fall the club was invited to a house party in St. Louis given by Mrs. Chas. Carpenter, for three days, and a most delightful party it was, dinners, luncheons, teas and auto rides made the time all too short and all agreed it was one of their most delightful club meetings since the club was organized.

The Elks will give a benefit dance at the Elks Home next Friday evening, May 20, under the auspices of the ladies. Everybody come with plenty of change.

Wednesday evening Miss Ruth Noah entertained at dinner at the Tea Shop Misses Franc Johnson of Kansas City, Betty Aimes of Booneville and Mrs. Ryland Rodes.

Miss Mary Burks had as luncheon guests at the Tea Shop Friday complimentary to Mrs. F. P. Bronaugh of St. Louis; Mrs. W. F. Fry, Mrs. R. P. See, Miss Saline Lakenan and Mrs. Bronaugh of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Fry are spending the week end in Moberly where Mr. Fry will speak on Sunday morning at the Methodist Church.

Mrs. A. H. Whitney entertained Tuesday evening with a picture show party in honor of her sister, Miss Nellie Robinson and guest Miss Polly Porter of Boston. After the picture refreshments were enjoyed at the Alamo Drug Co. The guests numbered twenty.

Miss Mary Lee Burks had as luncheon guests at the Tea Shop Thursday noon: Mrs. Howell Neivus of St. Joseph and Clarence Wilkins of Oklahoma.

The French Club of Hardin enjoyed a picture show party Thursday evening followed by a dinner at the Alamo Drug Co.

The last lesson of the Thursday evening dancing class was given Thursday under the direction of Mrs. P. N. Henderson. After the class a dance was enjoyed by the class and a few friends invited in. Music was furnished by the orchestra and much enjoyed. Refreshments were served at eleven o'clock. Among the out of town guests were: Misses Sadie Peters of Anville, Ill., Nellie Robinson of Boston, Messrs. Clarence Wilkins of Oklahoma and Dickerson of New York.

The reception on Monday evening at the Methodist Church was a very delightful affair. A receiving line consisting of the guests of honor: Misses Louise Morrell, Corinne Markley, Leatha Leary, Nina Stallings and Olive Taylor, was formed with the department heads and the pastor. Ladies of the church assisted in greeting the guests and young girls of the Sunday School served.

The Sophomore Class of McMillan High School entertained the Seniors last Friday evening with a party at High School. After every one had assembled in the auditorium Miss Lindsey, the class sponsor invited the guests to the gym which was for the time, a most attractive and inviting banquet hall, hand painted place cards at each place and on each table a vase of pink roses. Miss Ellison Sayers as toastmistress made a hot talk which was followed by a response from Miss Mary Ridgway of the Senior classes. Songs were sung by the two classes, talks made by faculty members and all had a most delightful evening besides enjoying the very elaborate banquet which was served.

There will be a called meeting of the Hardin Alumnae at the Methodist Church Tuesday, May 17 at 8 p. m. The Chautauque Club will entertain the Federated Clubs at 2:30 Monday afternoon at the Library.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Miller were at home to friends Saturday afternoon to meet Mr. and Mrs. Ned Miller of Mineral Wells, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McCulloch of St. Louis. Mrs. Lester Miller and Miss Eva Miller assisted in the living room and introduced the guests of honor. In the dining room, Mrs. Nisbet Livingston, Miss Leola Ruth Turner, and Mrs. Williams assisted in serving delicious ice cream and cake and candies. The table was attractively centered with a basket of Bridesmaid Roses.

Mrs. J. F. Llewellyn entertained at one o'clock luncheon Saturday in compliment to Miss Linnie Allison of St. Louis, Mrs. C. R. Anderson and Mrs. Winsborough. An elaborate luncheon was served by Cateress Scott and her assistants. The guests numbered about thirty five.

Mrs. Statia of Columbia is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kredell for a few weeks.

Mrs. F. P. Bronaugh of St. Louis was guest of Miss Mary Barks this week.

Harry Rose of Kansas City is the week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ogle gave a very delightful dance Wednesday evening in compliment to their house guest, Miss Sadie Peters of Danville, Ill. At a late hour elaborate refreshments were served. The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bollett, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marlowe, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Miller, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Guignon, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Arthur, Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Major, Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Moore, Miss Blandford, Capt. Maxwell, Dr. R. S. Williams and Bert Bunch.

Mrs. Lewis Moore was hostess for the Young Married Ladies Club Thursday afternoon. The out of town guests included: Mrs. Roy Ebb of St. Louis, Mrs. Lynn Webb of Kansas City, Mrs. Latney Barnes of Texas, Mrs. Milby of Oklahoma City, Miss Nell Robinson and Miss Polly Porter of Boston. An elaborate two course lunch was served at five o'clock.

Miss Mary Lee Burke was hostess for the Knitting Club Friday afternoon at her home in Woodlawn. At five o'clock delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilkins had as dinner guests Wednesday evening: Clarence Wilkins of Oklahoma and Miss Mary Lee Burks.

Mrs. Howell Neivus of St. Joseph is the guest of Miss Mary Lee Burks.

The Elks Benefit card party, given by the ladies on Monday evening, was a very great success in every way. Thirty-nine tables of five hundred were enjoyed and after playing refreshments were served in the dining room. The highest scores of the evening were made by Maj. J. H. Whitmore, Mr. McF. Gamble, Mrs. Neal Silliman and Mrs. F. A. Guignon, who were awarded beautiful prizes. Among the out of town guests present were: Miss Franc Johnson of Kansas City, Mrs. Lynn Webb of Kansas City, Miss Sadie Peters of Illinois.

Company C. of M. M. A. enjoyed a picture show party Monday evening, followed by refreshments at Marlow and Cox, after the show. There were forty in the party.

Mr. Dickerson of New York is the guest of his sister, Mrs. P. N. Henderson and Co. Henderson at M. M. A.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Milby of Oklahoma City are guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bruce.

Miss Eleanor Mae Smith, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Billy Smith, gave a very delightful matinee party Monday afternoon, followed by an hour of games, music and elaborate refreshments at the home of the hostess. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hamilton chaperoned the party and the guests included Misses Mabel Brown Jackson, Helen Clanton, Meda Streif, Mildred Timberlake, Jane White, Carleton and Freida Larsen, Anna Richardson, Mary Virginia Nelson, Helen Frances Brown, Alberta Price, Elizabeth Schopp, Virginia Horton, Margaret Collier, Genevieve Johnson, Nina Jordan, Florence Meeks, Leila Martha Stoltz, Thelma Dozier, Ruth Hoffes, Martha Sholey, Lucile Kehl, Myrl Morrison, Helen Horton, Fay Dunn, Elma Emerson, Nellie Tinsley, Wanda Robinson, Violet Markwell, Ardelle Chapin, Mildred Holterman, Messrs. Bobby Tucker, Jewel Hollister, J. B. Blakely, Dorrance Edmonston, Chas. Arnold, Harry Richardson, Coil Sullivan, John Wm. Luckie, George Adams, Brandford Smith, Clarence Hagen, James Toohey, Glenn Winterhalter, Graham Jackson, Herbert and Morris Stone and Ben Timberlake.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brown of Slater and Mrs. J. T. Hayden and daughter of Kansas City are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Donnelly.

Mrs. E. H. McCulloch of St. Louis, who has been visiting relatives here has returned to her home. Miss Eva Miller accompanied her for a few days' visit.

Miss Mildred Jesse entertained with

## "Life's Investment --What's In It" --For You?

"Every individual has five great elements of working capital," said Dr. F. W. Emerson, in his baccalaureate address to the 62 Seniors of McMillan High School. "They are mind, body, habit, character and ability. Success is attained by using our capital most profitably," he continued, "and the largest successes often come from the smallest amounts of capital, judiciously used. The sermon was Sunday morning at the Christian Church.

The very title of his sermon, "Life's Investment--What's In It?" made a strong appeal to all the seniors. A very large congregation was also present to greet those who are going out into a bigger life.

"There are profits on the mind," he said, "and we must guard closely the influences that effect the mind or these profits will be lost.

"The world, unfortunately, does not always measure profits at their real value. Some deeds of achievement go unrecognized.

"Health," he said is one of the big assets of life, and one that many of us should guard more closely.

"Pluck," he continued, "is more often responsible for success than luck, though a great many folks prefer to leave off the P."

#### Literary Society Elects.

The Athenian Literary Society met in regular session Wednesday afternoon for the election of officers. The following were chosen to serve for the coming year:

President, Lucille Dozier.  
Vice-president, Louise Hallar.  
Secretary-treas, Norma Tolson.  
Attorney, Ellison Sayers.  
Critic, Martha Luckie.  
Reporter, Mildred West.

#### Heavy Rainfall for the Month.

The total rainfall for the month of May thus far is 3.25 inches, which is about normal for the entire month. The precipitation in the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m., Thursday morning was .85 inches.

A matinee party Saturday afternoon, followed by refreshments at the Alamo Drug Co. In line were: Misses Mary Worrell, Barbara Reavis, Helen Heizer, Frances Parker, Hazel McIntyre, Ruth and Elizabeth Harper and Ann Wallace.

Mrs. R. M. White gave a bridge party Wednesday afternoon, complimentary to Mrs. Barnes, who has been visiting here. Miss Mary Buckner was awarded the prize for high scores of the afternoon. An elaborate two course lunch was served. The guests numbered about thirty six.

Mrs. F. P. Van Ness entertained at bridge Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Wm. Coons who has been her house guest this week. The invited guests included: Mrs. Elton Dearing, Mrs. R. M. White, Mrs. Wilbur Wallace, Mrs. George Will Robertson, Mrs. E. S. Wilson and Mrs. A. R. Dallmeyer. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. T. Johnson gave a one o'clock luncheon Wednesday with covers for Mrs. F. P. Van Ness, Mrs. Wm. Coons, Mrs. E. S. Wilson and Mrs. Claiborne Jackson.

The Helping Hand Circle of the Kings Daughters will hold their regular meeting Thursday, May 19, at the home of Mrs. McF. Gamble, on Missouri avenue. The hostesses are: Mrs. M. F. Horton, Mrs. Ed Pearl, Mrs. Gorrell, Miss Susie Guthrie, Miss Lena Bryarly and Mrs. Gamble. All members urged to be present at three o'clock.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Joe Luckie invited a number of friends in for a cup of tea complimentary to her house guest Mrs. John P. Gordon of Jefferson City. The guests being all former friends of Mrs. Gordon's. Those included in the party were: Mrs. C. P. Dunlap, Mrs. D. D. Dudley, Mrs. A. H. Whitney, Mrs. W. W. Botts, Mrs. L. N. Gordon, Mrs. A. A. Wallace, Mrs. Harry Chapin, Mrs. A. R. Dallmeyer, Mrs. Sarah Ford and Miss Mary Burks.

Mrs. N. R. Rodes very delightfully surprised her husband Friday with a five hundred part yin honor of his birthday. (He can vote now.) After the games delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Lynn Webb and Chas. Bledsoe carried off honors for high scores. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denner, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bledsoe, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawder, Norton Nelson, Maj. J. H. Whitmore, Mrs. Lynn Webb of Kansas City, Mrs. Roy Ebbin of St. Louis and Mrs. Alice Guthrie and Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Rodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gordon of Fort Worth, Texas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Gordon this week.

Mrs. John P. Gordon of Jefferson City was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Luckie this week.

Miss Elizabeth Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Green, who has been attending The Castle, Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson, arrives home Sunday for a few days visit. She expects to return to New York shortly where she will graduate from The Castle and then leave for Europe on a personally conducted tour with several school friends.

Mrs. Harvey Iman gave a surprise dinner Friday in honor of her father's birthday and hers, which was the day before. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Powell, Mrs. Edna Powell and boys, Edgar Powell and Basil Bybee.

## HIS FIRST CLIENT

By LILLIAN P. LEONARD.

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"Cheero, old dear!"  
"Wherever get that stuff, 'cheero'?"  
"Cheero up! Look at the sun shining and—"

"Little birdies singing 'tweet, tweet,' I suppose!" growled Ross in a tone of utter disgust. Bringing his feet down from the window sill with a bang and rising with a huge yawn he stretched his already long arms to their utmost.

As he stood in this position he looked like some colossal figure supplanting the cosmic powers, his mouth wide in invocation. So thought the apparition as she opened the door and stood hesitating on the threshold! Ross, crimson, brought himself into shape, while the man opposite slid the cuspidor under the desk with his foot.

For the girl in the doorway was the first human being, other than themselves, who had opened that door; that door lettered with ornate gilt lettering:

Ross Adams  
Henry Demson  
Real Estate, Mortgages,  
Justices of the Peace, Notary Public  
WALK IN.

The girl stepped into the room and took the chair proffered by the momentarily averted Ross, while Henry evaporated toward a door marked "private" in severely plain, black letters. The usual light remarks had been made, and Ross, taking a gasping flyer into his first tangle of business, asked:

"There is some matter I could assist you in, Miss?"

"I came to see a justice of the peace," replied the girl, blushing vividly.

"Well, I am Ross Adams, Justice of the peace."

The girl looked at the floor, bit her lip and stammered:

"You marry people?"

"He took a grip on himself and answered airily:

"Oh, yes, to be sure, when everything appears all right and parties have the license."

"How many people have you married, Mr. Adams?"

"Why, er—er—hundreds—of course I never kept count."

"Oh, I am so sorry; I wanted to be the first. Will you marry me?"

"Yes, indeed. I shall be delighted," smiled Ross.

At this moment the door swung open and two men, heavily bearded, stalked into the room, and in military precision took a stand on each side of Ross, while in duet they chanted:

"We are witnesses to your promise to marry this young lady?"

With a swift back-ack-swat, Ross cuffed the pseudo girl solemnly across the cheek, while with lightning speed he clutched at the men's beards. They came forth in each hand, but there also came forth a startled yelp in an unmistakably feminine voice from the girl in the chair, and Ross was staring horrified at "Girly" of college days in the face of one of the men he had deputed of a beard.

"Now, see here, 'Girly,'" said Ross, "I always told you that no good ever came from practical joking. You have brought this upon yourselves. But," turning to the girl, who was crouched down in the chair with a hand held to a crimson cheek, "my deepest regrets to this young lady for my brutal act and my only hope is that she will forgive me. Who is she anyway?"

"Oh, that's only my kid sister and she don't mind a little crack like that! Ought to see her sometimes after she has put on the gloves with me!"

"Huh!" flashed the girl. "Mr. Ross, you should see him when I get through with him! He looks like a beef steak pie for a week after! But though I know that every tooth is knocked down my throat and that my jaw is fractured in a thousand places, I guess I'll forgive you this time."

"Gee!" mourned "Girly," "went and messed up the whole show after our rehearsing for a week. But, see here, Ross, this is Jim Turner," motioning toward the other man who had leaped to the side of the girl and was trying to comfort her in a most lovelike manner.

"All right," replied Ross, "and now the 'why of all this fool farce'?"

"Oh, Sis and Jim want to be married, that's all. Folks kicking up a rumpus, but Sis and I are strong for Jim, so go to it!"

Ross, from whom all timidity of "first business" had fled, took from his desk-drawer the necessary book and cutting in the grinning Henry as a witness joined the couple in marriage.

"Now," said Ross, "my privilege to kiss the bride shall be taken advantage of and may it in some measure erase the memory of the blow."

So Ross performed this ceremony, also, to everyone's satisfaction with the exception, possibly of the bridegroom's.

"The joke's on me, so it's my—" Ross put his hand into his pocket where reposed safe and sound just seven coppers, one dime and a pant's button.

"I should say not, it's our spurge," said "Girly," pressing a fat roll into Ross' hand. "So, on with the feast!"

After this spectacular entry into the business world, Ross went surely and firmly upward in his practice and the day was not long in coming when the same group, with the addition of a certain girl, made up another wedding party.

#### SEED FOR SALE

NEW AND TESTED  
Red Clover, Timothy, Kentucky Blue Grass, Rape Seed, German Millet, Orange Cane, Kaffir Corn.  
50-15 SAM MORRIS.

C. W. Dressler of Madison, Wis., is visiting his sister Mrs. Benedict on East Promenade St.

Mayor J. W. Gallaher is in Vandalla on business.

## COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT TOTALS \$344,466.42

The annual settlement of county collector C. P. Arnold, from March 1, 1920 to March 1, 1921 just filed is the largest in the history of Audrain County by more than \$40,000. It would have exceeded the present sum had not many farmers been delinquent on account of being unable to realize on their products.

The money, collected from all the taxpayers of the county was paid out to the treasurers of the following funds:

State tax	\$39,814.18
County revenue	\$80,760.00
Ten cent road tax	\$17,868.47
Special road and bridge tax to road districts	\$23,312.86
Special road and bridge tax to Mexico special road district	\$11,710.84
Special road and bridge tax to Vandalia special road district	\$4,434.98
Special road and bridge tax Laddonia-Farber special road district	\$3,270.42
General (special railroad and telephone tax	\$5,150.72
School tax rural district	\$49,778.63
School tax Mexico district	\$58,247.12
School tax Vandalia district	\$19,207.55
School tax Farber district	\$6,568.55
School tax Laddonia district	\$4,408.99
School tax Rush Hill district	\$1,595.82
School tax Martinsburg district	\$2,258.15
School tax Benton City district	\$1,368.62
General School tax (Railroad and telegraph tax	\$13,316.84
City of Mexico Railroad and telegraph tax	\$84.26
City of Vandalia Railroad and telegraph tax	\$365.23
City of Benton City Railroad and telegraph tax	\$20.79
City of Martinsburg, Railroad and telegraph tax	\$84.49
City of Farber Railroad and telegraph tax	\$23.77
City of Laddonia Railroad and telegraph tax	\$31.01
City of Rush Hill Railroad and telegraph tax	\$19.13
Total	\$344,466.42

#### BREEDERS ATTENTION!

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## Audrain Veterans in Favor of Bonus Bills

Audrain county ex-service men held a rally in the McMillan Auditorium Thursday night for the purpose of discussing service men's legislation, and especially the proposed bonus bills, both state and national.

Judge W. W. Botts, representative of Audrain County in the state legislature spoke in favor of some form of bonus, saying that he believed that the men who served in the field should share in the profits of those who stayed at home. He said he felt that the men were entitled to a bonus of some sort, but that he felt it could not be completely paid at the present time.

The sentiment of the meeting was unalterably in favor of a bonus of some kind, but not of any radical variety. All the men who expressed themselves were in favor of a moderate plan—the adjusted compensation seemed to be the favorite.

Resolutions were adopted to be sent to state and national representatives asking that favorable action be taken in this regard.

#### Many Pay Income Tax.

There are 465 individuals in Audrain county who must pay income taxes totaling \$9,276.81, according to totals on the income tax books, just turned over to C. P. Arnold, county collector, for collection.

In addition to the individuals, corporations will pay \$3,955.61.

**Father Dies Tuesday.**  
Thomas Wingo, well known in this city where he has many friends and relatives, died at Harrisburg, Mo., Tuesday night. He was the father of Mrs. Clay Freeman, of this city. Mrs. Freeman went to his bedside Tuesday and Mr. Freeman joined her Wednesday. The funeral was at Henton, Mo., Thursday. He was a man with many friends and his death will be learned with much regret. The Ledger joins in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

W. O. Hale of Laddonia has returned home.

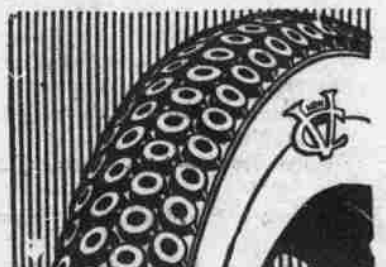
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